

# Councilmember Kansen Chu

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Mayor Reed and Councilmembers Chu and Kalra present a proclamation to Wat Buddhansorn to celebrate Thai New Year.



Councilmember Chu invites the Morrill Middle School Orchestra led by Kenneth Rydeen to lead invocation at a recent City Council Meeting.

## Newsletter

### DOOR TO DOOR IN DISTRICT 4

#### A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

June is a busy month in the City of San José. In the coming weeks, the San José City Council will be getting ready to amend, approve, and adopt the new budget for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2011. I would like to thank you for sharing your thoughts, concerns, and priorities with me over the past few months.

As the school year is coming to an end, I would like to congratulate all the 2011 graduates from college, high school, middle school, and elementary school! This is a significant accomplishment and should be a time filled with excitement. I congratulate all the parents, teachers, administration, and staff that have worked with our graduates for their commitment and dedication in securing a quality education for the students, equipping them with the tools to pursue their dreams. Congratulations to each and every one of our graduates for all of your accomplishments! I am very proud of all of you for achieving this significant success.

As school ends, the push for summer reading begins. I encourage District 4 residents of all ages to participate in the Summer Reading Celebration sponsored by the San José Branch Libraries and to continue reading over the summer. This year's theme allows participants to travel to a foreign destination through their neighborhood library. This six-week long program encourages recreational reading as a family activity, offering fun prizes and rewards for reaching each reading milestone. Programs are available for kids, teens, and adults. Please stop by your local library, beginning June 18, 2011, to register.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer!

Best Regards,



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## CITY BUDGET UPDATE

As the City begins discussions regarding next year's budget, I want to keep our residents up-to-date on what the City is doing and encourage District 4 residents to learn about, and personally impact, the 2011-2012 Budget.

The City of San Jose continues to face significant fiscal challenges. Our current estimated general fund shortfall is approximately \$115 million. The City Council will face many challenges and tough choices in the coming months as we look to balance the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2011. The City Manager released her proposed budget on Monday, May 2, 2011. Two community budget meetings took place in District 4 on May 3, 2011 at the Alviso Youth Center and May 10, 2011 at the Berryessa Branch Library. Budget study sessions took place May 11-19, 2011 where the City Council discussed the upcoming year's budget.

Each year, the Mayor's Budget Office asks each Council office to submit budget documents by May 25<sup>th</sup>. These cost-saving ideas are presented in budget documents submitted to the Mayor's Budget Office to guide the Mayor's June Budget Message. Some of the budget documents I submitted include recommendation to reinstate funding to support Youth Intervention Services and the Park Ranger Program as well as cost saving ideas for School Crossing Guards and a School Traffic Safety Program. For links to these budget documents, please visit my website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district4>.

The Mayor released his June Budget Message on Friday, June 3, 2011. This document incorporated the recommendations from the City Council and proposes a balanced budget for the next year. Feedback from community members during our discussions over the past few months were also considered and incorporated in the budget message.

The final public hearing on the proposed operating and capital budget took place on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The City Council is expected to review and adopt the Mayor's June Budget Message on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 and to adopt the FY 2011-2012 budget on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. For more information, please visit: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/budgetinfo.asp>.

I appreciate hearing your thoughts, concerns, and priorities over the past few months as the City Council moves forward in preparing the FY 2011-2012 budget. Your feedback has given me valuable insight during the budget process as I work with my colleagues on the City Council.



## COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2011  
6:00PM-8:00PM**

**Berryessa Branch Library,  
Study Room C  
3355 Noble Avenue**

**NO COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS  
WILL BE HELD DURING THE  
MONTH OF JULY**

Since I have been elected to serve you in 2007, I have committed over 200 hours in community office hours to receive feedback and provide assistance to residents with over 200 cases. Over the past three years, I have enjoyed meeting with many of you and being able to assist you regarding City issues. I encourage you to continue to take advantage of the community office hours so that I may be of assistance to you all.

Please call the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to book an appointment.

*Dates and locations are subject to change. Please call for confirmed times and locations.*







## Neighborhood Groups

**Alviso Neighborhood Group**  
Meets every 1st Thursday at  
6PM at Alviso Library  
Contact: Betty Brown  
betty@maileater.net

**Alviso Water Taskforce**  
Meets every 2nd Tuesday at  
6PM at the Alviso Library  
www.alvisowater.org  
Contact: alvisowa-  
ter@gmail.com

**Berryessa Citizens  
Advisory Council**  
Meets every 2nd Monday at  
7PM at the  
Berryessa Community Ctr  
Contact: Marc Liebman  
marc.liebman@busd.net

**River Oaks  
Neighborhood Association**  
Meets every odd month  
Location TBA  
Contact: Jean Marlowe  
jean@jeanmarlowe.com

**Townsend Park  
Neighborhood Association**  
Meets twice yearly  
Location TBA  
Contact: Lori Wallace  
lori\_wp@yahoo.com

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

### SAVE THE DATE!

On Tuesday, August 2, 2011, neighborhoods throughout San Jose are invited to participate with other communities nationwide for the 28th Annual National Night Out. National Night Out will involve over 100,000 communities and over 34 million Americans are expected to participate this year.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug awareness, generate support for and participation in anticrime efforts, and strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. In addition, this night sends the message that neighbors are working together to keep their neighborhoods safe.

From 6:00p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on August 2nd, many neighborhoods throughout San Jose will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties. National Night Out has been a successful partnership between the community, the Police Department, and the City of San Jose.

If you organized a National Night Out event with your neighbors in the past, I hope that you will participate again this year. If you have not, I hope that you will consider holding an event on your block. To register your neighborhood to participate and receive support for your National Night Out event, please contact the San Jose Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 277-4133 or visit [www.sjpd.org](http://www.sjpd.org) by Friday, July 22, 2011. Registration is free and gives the police department and my office the opportunity to attend events held in District 4.



2010 National Night Out



2010 National Night Out



## PHOTOS FROM THE DISTRICT



*Alviso Beautiful Day event.*



*2011 Berryessa Art & Wine Festival.*



*Hope for Japan event in District 4.*



## BERRYESSA BART UPDATE



*Rendering of Berryessa BART station.*

On Tuesday, April 26, 2011, I hosted a community meeting at Vinci Park Elementary School to provide residents an update regarding the BART Silicon Valley project. Over 50 community members attended this meeting. My office coordinated this meeting as soon as I learned that the BART Silicon Valley project was considering the option of full closure at the intersection of Sierra Road and Lundy Avenue

for a period of up to 9 months in order for the reconstruction of this intersection to allow for the BART tracks to go beneath. I felt it was extremely important to share this information with your neighborhood as soon as possible so that you were informed about potential changes in our community.

On Thursday, May 26, 2011, the Valley Transportation Agency (VTA) hosted a follow up community meeting to provide an update regarding the Sierra and Lundy Intersection Construction. VTA staff provided an overview of the BART to Silicon Valley Project and allocated the majority of the time for community members to walk around the open house stations and speak one-on-one with VTA representatives.

My office will continue to work with VTA to coordinate additional community meetings to receive input from our community. If you were not able to attend any of these meetings, you can find links to access the power point presentations by the Department of Transportation as well as VTA on my website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district4>.

If you have any additional feedback or concerns, please email VTA at [vtabart@vta.org](mailto:vtabart@vta.org) and copy my office at [district4@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district4@sanjoseca.gov).





## DISTRICT 4 YOUTH COMMISSIONER

I would like to take this opportunity to commend our outgoing District 4 Youth Commissioner Kasey Ong for her two years of service on the San José Youth Commission. Kasey recently graduated from Piedmont Hills High School this May and will be attending UCLA in the fall.

During her tenure on the San José Youth Commission, Kasey not only learned more about her community but gained exposure, experience, and insight working with local government. Within her first year, she was elected Second Vice Chair of the Youth Commission and served as Chair this past year. It has been a pleasure working with Kasey over the past two years. Since her appointment to the San José Youth Commission, Kasey has worked closely with my office to engage youth in District 4 to be more involved in our community. Through her leadership with the District 4 Youth Advisory Council (YAC), Kasey was instrumental in getting her peers to participate in policy recommendations concerning youth. Most notably, her efforts to engage youth in the City's budget discussions and providing feedback to me and my colleagues on the City Council with their recommendations was valuable in our final decisions.

I would also like to take this time to welcome and congratulate Max Chen as our newly appointed District 4 Youth Commissioner. Max is an incoming Junior at Independence High School and looks forward to working and engaging the youth in our community.



Councilmember Chu with outgoing District 4 Youth Commissioner Kasey Ong and incoming Youth Commissioner Max Chen.



Youth Commissioner Max Chen at the Swearing In Ceremony during a recent City Council Meeting.

## A WORD FROM YOUR DISTRICT 4 YOUTH COMMISSIONER

Hello District 4!

As the fiscal year comes to an end, so does the Youth Advisory Council's yearly engagements. I am proud to say that this past year's YAC has the strongest representation of youth our district has ever encountered. All members have worked extremely hard and have become more involved in city policy as well as community service. We have discussed issues involving, but not limited to, the Social Host Ordinance and Anti-smoking efforts, and participated in creating the Youth Commission's budget recommendation for the next fiscal year. Alongside the YAC's endeavors, we have also assisted in community events and worked to create stronger relationships with various community organizations.

The YAC is a great opportunity for students ages 14-21 to get involved in the community and really understand the inner workings of San Jose. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate contacting the new Youth Commissioner, Max Chen, at [d4youthcommission@gmail.com](mailto:d4youthcommission@gmail.com).

It has been a pleasure representing District 4 and I am honored to have been involved with such a friendly and enthusiastic community. There really is no better place to grow up.

Kasey





## City & Community Contacts

### City Hall Call Center

(408) 535-3500

### Abandoned Vehicles

(408) 277-5305

### Alviso Branch Library

(408) 263-3626

### Alviso Youth Center

(408) 586-7624

### Anti-Graffiti & Litter

(408) 277-2758

### Berryessa Branch Library

(408) 808-3050

### Berryessa Community &

#### Senior Center

(408) 251-6392

### Berryessa Youth Center

(408) 262-1014

### Code Enforcement

(408) 535-7770

### Crime Prevention

(408) 277-4133

### Garbage & Recycling

(408) 535-3515

### Parks & Recreation

(408) 535-3570

### Sidewalk Repair

(408) 277-3158

### Street Lights

(408) 277-5517

### Street Sweeping

(408) 277-2571

### Tree Trimming & Removal

(408) 277-2756

# Meet Your District 4 Team

### Stephanie Fong, District Director

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#### FOCUS AREAS

Berryessa Neighborhood, Redevelopment, Parks & Recreation, Budget, Personnel, Youth, Internship Coordination, Web Content, & Constituent Services.

#### COMMITTEES

Neighborhood Services & Education; Public Safety, Finance & Strategic Support.



### Margie Espinoza, Executive Assistant

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#### FOCUS AREAS

Councilmember Scheduling, Office Administration, Constituent Services, and Event Planning.

### Kathy Duong, Policy Analyst

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#### FOCUS AREAS

North Valley Neighborhood, North San José Neighborhood, Land Use, Environment, Economic Development, Web Content, Media Relations and Constituent Services.

#### COMMITTEES

Transportation & Environment



### Rosa Santiago, Council Assistant

[rosa.santiago@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:rosa.santiago@sanjoseca.gov)

#### FOCUS AREAS

Alviso Neighborhood, Parks & Recreation, Trails, Community Centers, Libraries, Schools, Public Safety, Constituent Services, and Event Planning

#### COMMITTEES

Neighborhood Services and Education; Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support; Silicon Valley Anti-Litter Campaign

### Anh Tran, Council Assistant

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#### FOCUS AREAS

Berryessa Neighborhood, Transportation, Housing, Environment, Mobilehome Communities, Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Watch, and Constituent Services.

#### COMMITTEES

MTA Policy Advisory Committee, Santa Clara Valley Water Commission, Recycled Water Commission





## DISTRICT 4 EVENTS

For up-to-date event information, visit [sanjoseca.gov/district4](http://sanjoseca.gov/district4) and email [district4@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district4@sanjoseca.gov) to receive e-Notices.

### 8 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

6:00PM-8:00PM

Berryessa Branch Library

3355 Noble Avenue

Please call (408) 535-4904 to

schedule a 15 appointment.

## JUNE

### 13 FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

2010-2011 Proposed Budget

7:00PM

San José City Hall

Council Chambers

200 E. Santa Clara Street

### 13 BERRYESSA CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monthly Meeting

7:00PM

Berryessa Community Center

3050 Berryessa Road

### 15 GANG VIOLENCE PREVENTION

A Public Safety Forum

6:00PM

San José City Hall

200 E. Santa Clara Street

### 21 First Day of Summer!



### 23 CALIFORNIA REDISTRICTING MEETING

Public Input Forum

2:00PM-5:00PM

San José City Hall

200 E. Santa Clara Street

### 29 FIREWORKS SAFETY

A Collaboration with Martin

Luther King, Jr. Assn

6:00PM-8:00PM

San José City Hall Wing

200 E. Santa Clara St.

### 4 FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY

City Hall Closed



## JULY

### 9 FARMERS MARKET

Occurs Every Saturday

9:00AM-12:00PM

Berryessa Union School

District Parking Lot

1376 Piedmont Road

### 21 BERRYESSA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting

9:00AM-10:00AM

Panera Bread on Oakland Rd.

Check [www.tinyurl.com/berryessabusiness](http://www.tinyurl.com/berryessabusiness) for more info.

### 2 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Multiple Locations in

District 4. Check the

District website for updates!

### 22 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Schools in

Berryessa Union

School District



### 24 A DIALOGUE WITH IPA

A Collaboration with Martin

Luther King, Jr. Assn

6:00PM-8:00PM

San José City Hall Wing

200 E. Santa Clara St.

## AUGUST



Boy Scout Troop 170 visits City Hall.



Sierramont Middle School Choir leads Invocation at a recent City Council meeting.



Latinas Contra Cancer Mother's Day Walk in Alviso.

Event dates are subject to change. Please contact the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to confirm events.



# VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!



## Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley

The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley strives to provide high quality care and rehabilitation for injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley Community. Volunteer to assist our wildlife!

**(408) 929-9453 • [www.wcsv.org](http://www.wcsv.org)**

## Adopt A Park Program

Adopt a Park Program strives to protect and enhance San José's neighborhood parks and open spaces by volunteer support, and at the same time dedicated to educating San José residents about the importance of parks. Adopt a Park today!



**(408) 793-4190 • [www.sjadoptapark.org](http://www.sjadoptapark.org)**

**Celebrating 25 Years**

## Santa Visits Alviso



Santa Visits Alviso has been serving the Alviso Community since 1983 and is dedicated to bringing gifts & the Spirit of the Holidays to hundreds of toddlers and teens every year. Santa Visits Alviso is an all volunteer organization & is active year long.

**[rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us](mailto:rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us) • [www.alvisosanta.com](http://www.alvisosanta.com)**



## Friends of the Library Program

District 4 is proud to have two libraries to serve our community. Call today for volunteer opportunities!

**Friends of Alviso Library • (408) 263-3626**

**Friends of Berryessa Library • (408) 808-2181**



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